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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OFFICIALS

1. AURTHUR KANTNER, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA AND JOHN E. LEIMONE, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT, WILL UNDERTAKE A FAMILIARIZATION VISIT TO COLOMBIA, CURACAO, VENEZUELA, AND BARBADOS ON BEHALF OF THE BANK. THE OFFICIALS WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CURRENT FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, BANKING AND FINANCIAL STRUCTURES, THE ROLE OF FOREIGN BANKS, AND BASIC TRENDS IN ECONOMIC RESEARCH IN CARIBBEAN BASIN COUNTRIES. THEY HAVE REQUESTED A BRIEFING FROM EACH MISSION AS AN INTRODUCTION TO THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRY BEFORE GOING ON TO APPOINTMENTS THEY HAVE ALREADY MADE WITH BANKING OFFICIALS. MR. LEIMONE HAS BEEN BRIEFED BY THE COUNTRY DESKS AND ARA/ECP.

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2. IN ADDITION TO VISITING CENTRAL BANKS, THE OFFICIALS

INTEND TO SEE OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DOMESTIC AND U.S. PRIVATE BANKS. IN BRIDGETOWN THEY ALSO HOPE TO CALL ON THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

3. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL IN EACH COUNTRY, MR. LEIMONE WILL CONTACT THE EMBASSY TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL OFFICERS. PLEASE PROVIDE BRIEFINGS AND ASSISTANCE AS APPROPRIATE.

4. THE ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
LEAVE MIAMI 4:50 PM
ARRIVE BOGOTA 7:10 PM--AVIANCA 031
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19--TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21--BOGATA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21
LEAVE BOGOTA 8:00 PM
ARRIVE CALI 8:45 PM--AVIANCA 055
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22
LEAVE CALI 7:30 PM
ARRIVE BOGOTA 8:05 PM--AVIANCA 116
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
LEAVE BOGOTA 10:15 AM
ARRIVE CARACAS 1:00 PM--LUFTHANSA 517
LEAVE CARACAS 2:45 PM
ARRIVE CURACAO 3:25--VIASA 796
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24--SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 CURACAO
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
LEAVE CURACAO 7:15 PM
ARRIVE CARACAS 7:55 PM DUTCH ANTILLIEN 553
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26--WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 CARACAS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30
LEAVE CARACAS 8:00 AM
ARRIVE BARBADOS 10:25 AM--VIASA 798
THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 30--FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 BARBADOS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
LEAVE BARBADOS 8:50 AM
ARRIVE MIAMI 1:50 PM--BR.WEST INDIES 400. INGERSOLL

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